

CONVENTION 1983

SPONSOR: Friends of Old-time Radio. This is their 8th convention devoted to collectors of and performers in the Golden Age of Radio.

PLACE: Holiday Inn-North, Newark Int. Airport right off Exit 14 of NJ Tpke.

DATES: Friday, Nov 11 and Saturday, Nov 12, 1983. Friday will run from 12:00 noon to 11:00 and will include cocktail hour, buffet dinner, coffee, video tapes, dealers tables, several events. Saturday will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and will include workshops, dealers, coffee, cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, 2 radio shows, awards.

Cost: Friday is \$17 which includes coffee and dinner...Saturday is \$26 for adults and \$24 for children under 16 and senior citizens. This includes all activities, coffee, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and evening program. Dealer tables are \$10 for each table; \$15 if reserved after Sep 1 (limit 3) PLUS registration fee. No additional charge for Friday. Display tables are free.

REGISTRATION: Make all checks out to Jay Hickerson and mail them to Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477: (203) 795-6261; 248-2887

GUESTS: We hope many of the special guests who have come in the past will come to this one. Tentatively agreeing to come already are: Viola Vonn and Frank Nelson, Ruth Duskin Feldman and Joan Barber (Quiz Kids), Art Anderson, Dwight Weist, Margo Stevenson, Kenny Delmar, Ken Roberts, Raymond E Johnson, Walter Gibson, John Nanovic. Bill Johnstone.

Program: Fri: 12-6 dealers and video tapes; 6-8:30 cocktails and dinner; 8:30-11:00 events, dealers...Sat: 9-3 dealers; 9-5:30 dealers and events; 5:50-11:00 cocktails, dinner, radio show and awards.

Dealers: Limit of 40 tables. Reserve them as soon as possible.

EVENTS: (Fri): video tapes, musical and radio trivia, Al Jolson, special guests. (Sat): Edgar Bergen, Radio logs, Radio's Flops, Acting/sound effects, tape decks, Quiz Kids, Lets Pretend (radio show), Care and feeding of ET's, Line Rangers Birthday, Mercedes McCambridge, Frank Nelson-This is Your Life, Broadcasting OTR, Raymond E Johnson, Shadow Panel...All of these subject to change

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS: Rooms at the Holiday Inn: \$48 for singles; \$53 for doubles. If you want a room, let me know details when you send in your reservation and I will mail you a room reservation card. Do not send me money for motel room. Pay on arrival.

Travel: Van and bus service is available to the Newark airport from Kennedy and LaGuardia airports. The Hol. Inn has a shuttle bus to and from Newark Airport. Many airlines go directly to Newark. Mass transit from NYC to Newark Airport is convenient.

PUBLICITY: Please publicize this wherever you can. Start getting your reservations in. Dinner is limited for Friday and Saturday.

RIDES: If anyone needs a ride or can provide one and arrange carpools, please note regional coordinators below. Let Stu know if you can take people or need a ride (NYC)

COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ~~and~~ Jay Hickerson, Joe Webb, Stu Weiss.

Jay Hickerson: Registration, guests

Joe Webb: (516) 667-8319. events, publicity

Stu Weiss (212) 948-7872. hotel, publicity, NYC-NJ ride coord.

Ron Downey, Rt 3, Box 263H, Waynesville, NC 28786; southern states coord.

Ken Piletic, 705 S Oltendorf Rd, Streamwood, Ill 60103; video coord., midwest coord.

Ron Barnett, Box 9593, Alexandria, Va 22304; Middle-Atlantic states coord.

Gary Yoggy, Bonady Garden Apts, Onondaga #11D, Corning, NY 14830; event and upstate NY coord., video tapes

Dave Siegel; guest coordinator

David Reznick, 1411 Trollman Av, San Mateo, Cal 94401; west coast coord.

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Carol and Bob Witte, Tony Tollin, Barbara and Dave Davies, Terry Salomonson, Gary Kramer, Andy Blatt, Fran S. Riker Jr, Ray Stanich, Bill Jaker, Mary Lou Wallace, Walt Mitchell, Ron Lackman

ADDITIONAL INFO: COST for daytime Friday is \$3; Saturday for all day until 5:30 is \$6..\$5 for under 16 and senior citizens

MORE CONVENTION NEWS: Veola Vonn and Frank Nelson have tentatively agreed to come to our convention. They will be our first guests from the west coast since the Friends of OTR have been sponsoring the annual convention...David Reznick, 1411 Trollman Ave, San Mateo, Cal 94401 will be doing a workshop on the worst radio programs. Write to Dave with your choice and why. A tape would be helpful...NOTE: Dealers on Sat. open from 9-3 not 9-5:30.

IN FOND MEMORY: Edmund (Tiny) Ruffner, Feb 23, 83; radio producer and announcer...Alfred Andriola, Mar 29, 70; creator of Kerry Drake...Walter Reisch, Mar 28, 79; oscar-winning screenwriter...Marc Peter, West, Feb 21, 56; theater and tv actor...Marie Mosquini, Feb 21, 84; silent film actress...Adelaide Klein, Mar 20, 82; stage and tv actress...Gloria Swanson, Apr 4, 84; well-known actress...Dee Finch, Mar 29, 65; WNEW, NY personality...Louise Stanley, Dec 31, actress...Irvin Warwick (collector, subscriber to HA)...Richard O'Brien, Mar 29, 65; char. actor...Danny Rapp, Apr 5, 42; leader of Danny & the Juniors...Ethel Royal, Mar 16, 61; big band trumpeter...Dolores Del Rio, Apr 11, 77; well-known actress...Jean LeBouvier, Apr 6, 62; stage and tv actress...Buster Crabbe, Apr 23, 75; (Flash Gordon)...Earl (Fatha) Hines, Apr 22, 77; well-known jazz pianist...Walter Slezak, Apr 22, 80; actor...Gavin Gordon, Apr 7, 82; film and tv actor...Martha Sleeper, Mar 25, 72; film and stage char. actress...Kenyon Hopkins, Apr 7, 71; comp., arranger for film, tv...Rudolfo Hoyos, Apr 15, 68; film and tv actor...George Balanchine, Apr 30, 79; well-known choreographer...Muddy Waters, Apr 30, 68; blues singer...Kai Winding, May 6, 60; jazz trombonist (More)...John Williams, May 5, 80; British actor...Bronislaw Kaper, Apr 25, 81; film composer (Lili)...Selena Royle, Apr 23, 78; char. actress...Johnny Fuleo, May 3, 74; harmonica player and comedian (Harmonica Rascals)...Vaughn Taylor, Apr 26, 72; actor...Josephine Dunn, 76; actress...Kendall Clark, Jan 28, 70; actor...Jerry Fujikawa, Apr 30, 71; actor...Lorene Scott, Apr 19, 74; actress (radio-Young Widdow Brown, Stella Dallas)...Paul Barnes, May 16, 64 (Capt. Midnight)...Malcolm Steen, May 9, 55; actor...Jessie Checco, Apr 8, 85; actress.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: KASTLEMUSICK, Mar; article on Dick Powell's music...RETURN WITH US NOW, Apr; article on John Dunning...WORLD OF YESTERDAY, Feb; articles on many private detectives including Lew Archer, Mr. and Mrs. North, Ellery Queen, Phillip Marlowe...MILWAUKEE NEWSLETTER, Apr; article on Ruth Duskin Feldman...RETURN WITH US NOW, May; article on Walt Disney...TAPE SQUEAL, May; article on David Rubinoff (violinist)...KASTLEMUSICK, Apr; article on early talkies...Received MYSTERY FANCIER. It is published bimonthly, \$12 a year by Guy Townsend, 1711 Clifty Dr, Madison, Ind 47250. Devoted to fans of mystery and detective stories, films and other areas. Published for 7 years. Each issue about 50 pages.

BOOKS: Boulevard Books, Box 89, Topanga, Cal 90290 (213) 455-1036 has 36 books of radio plays and scripts listed in its catalog, most written in the 30s and 40s. Send me a SASE for a copy of their list or write to them...I mentioned an OTR publication in the Vol 14-1 issue of HA. It was from the Library of Congress. The order # was given to me by the author. According to Ed Carr the order # is LC 40.2: R11/924-941...Soon to be published is Sound of Detection: Ellery Queen's Adventure is Radio by Francis Nevins Jr and Ray Stanich; 112 pages, published by Brownstone Books (Guy Townsend - see above); contains narrative history of show (Nevins) and complete log (Stanich). Cost is \$6.95. Dealer discounts available.

CLUBS: New York City will soon have its first OTR club. An organizational meeting will be held July 9th at Praha Rest., 1st Ave and 73rd St. Cost is \$11.50 plus for meal. Reservations limited to 50. Being organized by John Barber and Jack Shugg. For reservations write John Barber % OTI Services, 575 Madison Ave, NYC 10022



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$6 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

MUSIC: Steve Allen hosted the 7th annual big band reunion at Sportsmen's Lodge, Sherman Oaks, Cal in March; attending were Van Alexander, Ray Anthony, Benny Carter, Tex Beneke, Bobby Byrne, Del Courtney, Les Brown, Frank DeVol, Alvin Rey.

CATALOGUES AND NEW SHOWS: New Catalog from Nostalgia Warehouse (Joe Webb), Box 268, Glen Cove, NY 11542; cassettes, reels, magazines. Joe has 4 new SAM SPADES...Dave Siegel, Box 610, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 send recent supplements; Dave has one of largest, catalogued OTR collections.

LOGS: Bill Wendel prepared a log of Spike Jones 10/3/47-6/25/49. For copy send me a SASE and 25¢ for copying.

NEW ADDRESSES: Karl Amundsen, 77 Glover St, Staten Isl, NY 10308...Jerry Perchesky, 5396 Deodara Grove Ct, San Jose, Cal 95123.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Donald Yates, 302 Chablis N, Calistosa, Cal 94515 wants THE BLACK ACE and info about it. It was broadcast on WJR in Detroit...Joe Martelle, WROR-fm, Government Ctr, Boston, Ma 02114 wants to sell much of his OTR memorabilia (magazines, shows on cassettes, photos, premiums, schedules). Write Joe for details...Mel Pidgeon, 5 Cillia Rd, Louisville, Ky 40216 wants band remotes (Joe Reichman, Henry King, Griff Williams, Jan Garber, Russ Morgan, Freddy Martin)...Eleanor O'Dell, 1004 G St NW, Ardmore, OK 73401 wants to know about daytime personality of 30s who was a fortune teller answering questions. Theme was Song of India...Don Adamovich, 81 Waring Pl, Yonkers, NY 10703

OLD FRIENDS: Robert Frier, 5065 Kearney Av, Oakland, Cal 94602 still wants Donald Dame in various shows; **AM. ALBUM OF FAMILIAR MUSIC: MANHATTEN MERRY*GO*ROUND: TELEPHONE HOUR 1/24/44...**Fred Fox, 13150 El Capitan Way, Delhi, Cal 95351 is starting a roster of old-time radio enthusiasts who have a special interest in ONE MAN'S FAMILY. Interested OMF fans please send your name and address to Fred. After a while a roster will be sent to all those who write in...Bill Wendel, 1506 Elmen, Houston, Tex 77019 wants SPIKE JONES, RAILROAD HOUR, FRED ALLEN and CITIES SERVICE BAND OF AMERICA; also wants to hear from all those interested in Spike Jones so the log mentioned earlier can have more detail...Roger Hill writes that Dr. Esteban (Steve) Moreno, 102 Park St, Santurce, PR 00911 is not in good health and would like to hear from his friends (cassettes and letters)...Gordon Guy, 22 Canterbury St, E Hartford, Ct 06118 wants recent Halloween show "Sticks" done on NPR. Also more info on ZBS which produced the show; also looking for someone taping CBC stereo programming...Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, Pa 19512 wants part 13 of THAT OTHER GENERATION, THE 30s...Wayne Meyer, 1005 5 St NW, Rochester, MN 55901 wants early Lone Ranger with Bond Bread commercials...Duane Hutchinson's new address is 340 N Wabash Av #F106, Glendora, Cal 91740.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Ralston-Purina is reviving the Tom Mix Straight Shooters Club on the 50th anniversary of the shows appearance. For details write Tim Mix S S Club, Box 15553, Belleville, Ill 62224. Curley Bradley is alive and well in Norwalk, Cal...Lever Bros. is making a major radio advertising campaign, the first in more than 25 years (for Impulse body spray)...A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION, very successful public radio program was broadcast live from Town Hall, NYC on May 14.

The OTR broadcasting survey on reverse side.
See you at the convention.
Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs

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OTR BROADCASTS

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What follows is a list of OTR programs with a host - not syndicated rebroadcasts. Several people did not respond. If you are not listed or know of someone who isn't, please let me know.

WBAL-FM	99.5	NYC	Jack Shugg and Max Schmid	Sat 8:30-9:30 am	daily
	7:00-7:15 am	variety			
KNUS-AM	710	Denver	John Dunning	Sat 4-6 pm	Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
		variety of shows			
WTPP-AM	1060	Boston	Tom Heathwood	Non-Fri 6-7pm	Sat & Sun 5-7pm
		variety			
WJUL-FM	91.5	Lowell, Ma	Wayne Braverman	Sun 3-6pm	variety
		Gesner is monthly guest			Richard
WCAU-AM	1210	Philadelphia	Jim McCormick	daily 8:30-10pm	variety
WAMU-FM	88.5	Wash-DC	John Hickman	Sat & Sun evenings	variety over
		15 years (Who has hosted a show the longest. Let me know)			
WOLI-AM	1450	CorningmNY	Gary Yoggy	Sun 6-7pm	variety 3 1/2 years
WRVO-FM		Oswego, NY	Don Richardson	fri 8:30-10pm	variety 10 years
WJDN-AM	1530	Elizabeth, NJ	Stu Weiss	Sun 5-5:15pm	old-time country
		music			
WKOL-AM	1570	Amsterdam, NY	Victor Ives	Mon-Fri 6-7pm	variety
KVBB-AM	1270	Rochester, MN	Frank West	Sun 10-12 mid	variety
CKMW-AM		Vancouver	Jack Cullen	Non-Sat 11-11:30pm	variety
CFMI-FM		John Oliver	Thur-Sun 11-11:30 pm	variety	

Please send updates, changes and more information.